

YOUR PROBLEMS

by **Ann Landers**



"My Stepfather Hates Me . . ."

Dear Ann: My Mom died after a long illness. My stepfather hates me and always did. My only other relatives are an aunt and uncle who have no interest in me. I'm 17 and have another year of high school. My stepfather thinks education for girls is a waste of time. He wants me to quit school and get a job. I have a lovely friend who is an only child. Her parents like me and have offered me a home with them. My stepfather would probably be glad to see me go. Do you think people would look down on me if I go live with these folks? —I.D.A.

Dear I.D.A.: If you get permission from your stepfather to make your home with these generous people I see no reason not to do so. It would be a good idea particularly, since it would enable you to finish at least high school. Good luck.

Dear Ann: I'm 19, considered very attractive and am now employed as a telephone operator.

I've been dating a student who works part-time to put himself through school. He's having a tough time financially and must help his widowed mother.

A man who owns a busy cocktail lounge has told my mother I'm just the girl he's been looking for. He's at least 40, has lots of money, a big car and smokes cigars. I went out with him twice to please Mom and my skin crawled when he put his arm around the back of my chair.

Yesterday Mom gave me the devil. She said I was a dummy and one day I'd be sorry. She married my dad for love and claims it was the biggest mistake of her life. According to her if I had any brains I'd marry a man who could give me something and not bother with a "struggling punk."

I told her I'd feel as if I were selling myself if I married the older man. Mom is nobody's fool about most things but I think she's wrong. Will you help me? —NEEDING YOUR HELP

Dear Needing: I'm happy to see there's SOME judgment in your family — even though it's unevenly distributed. You have it all.

Don't let anyone push you into a loveless marriage with a guy old enough to be your father.

If you couldn't stand this man's arms across your chair imagine looking at him across the breakfast table of the next 40 years.

Your disillusioned mom thinks she's giving you good advice — but she is grievously mistaken.

Dear Ann: I've been a very close friend of Mrs. X for 15 years. Six months ago she told me about the trouble she was having with a woman I'll call Joan. I won't go into detail but from her reports Joan seems like such a terrible person I decided to have nothing to do with her.

Joan noticed my sudden coolness and asked why. I told her straight to her face. Last week Mrs. X and Joan patched up their differences and are as thick as thieves. I feel as if I've been made a fool. When I asked Mrs. X how she could be friendly with Joan after all she knew, she said "I learned some of the things weren't true." What should I do now? —MRS. X-CLOODED

Dear Mrs. X-Clooded: Let this be a lesson. Never again judge a person through the eyes (or mouth) of a third party. Base your evaluation on your own experience. Apologize to Joan and maybe time will do the rest.

To learn the booby-traps of teenage drinking, write for ANN LANDERS' booklet, "Teenage Drinking," enclosing with your request 20 cents in coin and a large, self-addressed, stamped envelope. (Ann Landers will be glad to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of this newspaper enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope.) Copyright, 1960, Field Enterprises, Inc.

In Santa Barbara

Mr. and Mrs. William Crotty and son, Donnie, spent the New Year's weekend with friends in Santa Barbara.

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LOOKING FORWARD . . . These new officers of the Auxiliary to the Torrance Fire Dept. are busy with plans for an enthusiastic new year. This group of new leaders were installed at the last meeting. They are from left, Mmes. Charles Reintsma, William Buckley, Ronald Power, Walter West, and Lindsay Browning.

Expecting Guest

Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Foley are expecting Mrs. Foley's mother, Mrs. H. C. Davidson of Storm Lake, Iowa to arrive the latter part of the month for a several months visit. Mrs. Davidson spent the holidays in Mexico City and Acapulco.

Card Party

St. Margaret Mary Altar Society will hold its monthly card party at the church hall, 255th and Eshelman in Lomita on Thursday, Jan. 21, at 8 p.m. Hostess for the evening is the St. Joan of Arc guild.

Party At Bingham Home

Continuing the series of diminishing card parties for the Torrance Woman's club, four hostesses entertained at a lovely bridge luncheon last Wednesday at the home of Mrs. R. Bingham, 1510 Engracia Ave. Co-hosting with Mrs. Bingham were Mmes. E. L. Snodgrass, Kenneth Figgins and Hazel Ward.

After the luncheon, bridge and canasta were played. Holding high scores in the bridge games were Mrs. Evelyn Fernandez, John Keefer, and J. L. Harmon.

Winning the high score canasta prize was Mrs. Joseph Bay. Attending the party were Mmes. J. W. Thuss, Joseph Bay, Mark Wright, J. E. Stavert, Lillian Dunhouse, Vera Hatten, Florence Watson, McCune Beale, J. A. Eisenbrant, R. E. Moffitt, Delbert Thomson, Alma Smith, L. G. Barkdull, Bess Meyers, John Keefer, C. M. Crook, Evelyn Fernley, Louise Olson, Jack Martyr, J. B. Scotton, C. T. Rippey, Sr., J. W. Post, J. R. Klink, and J. L. Harmon.

Others were Mmes. H. J. Osborne, D. J. Quinlivan, Le Gallehey, Jack Phillips, John Melville, Paul Loranger, Dean Sears, W. O. Clausing, H. L. Mitchell, Nell Smith, Plu Whyte, Helen Schultz, John Stevens and Don Wolf.



MISS GAYLE ASHTON
... Makes Wedding Plans

Gayle Ashton Will Wed A. H. Forrest on Feb. 5

Miss Gayle Ashton will become the bride of Adna Blaine Forrest on Feb. 5 at the Alondra Park Methodist Church in Gardena.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mrs. Betty Ashton, 1806 Cabrillo Ave. and Mr. Thomas Connolly of Pocatello, Ida. Parents of the benedict-elect are Mr. and Mrs. Adna Forrest of Gardena.

The future bride is a graduate of Torrance High school where she was GAA president, served on the senior council and active in other campus affairs.

Mr. Forrest was graduated from Gardena High school. He attended Harbor College and was a member of Phi Gamma Sigma. He is attending USC and in February will become affiliated with the National Guard Army in Lynnwood.

The couple will make their home in Torrance.



SHARON KAY MOSER
... Accepts Ring

Sharon Moser's Troth To Ronald Wiener Announced

Culminating a romance which began in their senior year, 1958, at Torrance High School is the engagement of Miss Sharon Kay Moser and Ronald Kent Wiener.

The bride-elect received her ring at an informal gathering at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph R. Mosher, Jr. 21319 Evalyn St. on Christmas Eve.

Mr. Wiener is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. McTee, 2270 W. 231st St.

No date has been set for the wedding.

The future bridegroom is a salesman with the A-1 Photo Inc. in San Pedro. He is planning to attend the Brooks School of Photography in Santa Barbara next fall.

Gamma Etas Meet Jan. 20

Gamma Eta chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma will meet at the home of Miss Edith Washcell, 13219 S. Ruthelen St. Gardena next Wednesday evening, Jan. 20.

The topic for study will be "Strengthening Our Educational Program through Understanding Intercultural Factors" with Mrs. Dorothy Moehlman as chairman.

On the program will be Florence Young and Jennie Sessions. There will be a review of membership by Catherine Chisholm.

The December meeting was held at the home of Miss Lois Driffill, Manhattan Beach, with Miss Catherine Chisholm assisting. Members gathered for a Christmas party and gift exchange.

Gloria Puncher Receives Honor

Miss Gloria Puncher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Puncher, 2317 Border Ave., and a sophomore at the University of California at Berkeley, has been selected as a member of the Women's Rally Committee, a spirit and service organization.

The committee promotes Cal spirit by selling pom poms and ushering at football and basketball games.

Membership is by invitation on the basis of attendance and interest during the try-out period and scholarship. Each year

Engagement Announced

Christmas Eve was the time selected by Edward David Schneider, Jr., to present an engagement ring to Miss Jeanne Ann D'Addario.

Announcing the news are Mr. and Mrs. Philip H. D'Addario, 19334 Beckworth Ave., Torrance, parents of the bride-elect.

Jeanne, a senior at North High School in Torrance, will be graduated with the June class of 1960.

Her fiance formerly attended North High School and is now employed with the McCulloch Corp., Los Angeles. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward David Schneider, 3520 W. 185th St., Torrance.

No date has been set for the wedding.



MISS ANN COLLINS
... Future Bride
(Lynn Hawkins Photo)

Ray Collins Announce Ann's Troth at Party

At an informal dinner party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Collins, 3101 W. Carson St. the engagement of their daughter, Ann, to Ben Kirkpatrick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Kirkpatrick of York, Neb. was announced. The dinner, which was given on Jan. 3, included members of the

families of the honored couple and was held while Mr. Kirkpatrick was a holiday guest in the Collins home. Present for this occasion were Mrs. J. A. Wellman and Mr. and Mrs. Gardner Steckley, all of Long Beach; Mr. and Mrs. Royce Chezen of Los Angeles; Ben Kirkpatrick and the hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Collins, Ann and John.

On Friday evening, Jan. 8, a group numbering about forty, made up of sorority sisters of the bride-elect with their escorts and other friends and relatives, were invited to the Collins home to meet the future bridegroom. A late buffet supper followed the cocktail hour and was served from a table with appointments carrying out the announcement of the evening. A double heart-shaped cake, each bearing the

Club Hostess

Mrs. Alma Smith, entertained her club at a bridge luncheon last Monday afternoon at her home 1614 Amapola Ave.

In the bridge games following the luncheon, first prize went to Mrs. William Crooker and second to Mrs. Roy Adams.

Mrs. Smith's guests were Mmes B. T. Whitney, B. W. Roberts, Delbert Thomsen, Ruby Dix, Laura Felker, Adams and Crooker.

Mrs. Thomsen will entertain in the club at its next meeting.

name of the honored couple, centered the table. The garnet roses in the back-ground carried out the holiday theme. On this occasion, Mr. and Mrs. Gardner Steckley received the guests and acted as co-hosts. Mrs. Orville Weller of Torrance and Mrs. Myles King of Long Beach assisted Mrs. Collins with serving. John Collins had charge of the guest book.

Ann was graduated from Wilson High School in Long Beach in 1957 and is now a senior at the Hollywood Presbyterian School of Nursing from which she will be graduated in June. She is a member, and past-president, of Lota Chi Epsilon sorority; a member of Sigma Tau Sigma, National Science Honorary; Phi Beta Kappa and holds life membership in California Scholastic Society. She is a past-member of Jobs Daughters, Kearney, Nebraska chapter, and is a member of the American Legion Junior Auxiliary. During her first two years at her present school, Ann has been named honor student. She was active in music groups at Wilson High School and in the First Presbyterian church of Long Beach where she and her family are members.

Mr. Kirkpatrick was graduated from York High School in 1955 and has since been engaged in farming with his father and brothers.

No definite date has been set for the wedding.

Catholic Daughters Give Altar Linens To Church

Alter linens made by the World Mission group were presented by Court St. Catherine, Catholic Daughters of America, to St. Andrew's Catholic (Russian Byzantine Rite) Church of El Segundo, as a Christmas gift. The Rev. F. C. Brannigan, S. J., pastor, accepted the linens for his parish

from Miss Catherine Shaughnessy, World Mission chairman.

Interest in this project originated a year ago when Father Brannigan was guest speaker at the local C.D.A. court, and the newly-organized World Mission group chose the preparation of the altar cloths as their first project. Since then they have met at least twice each month, in their homes, to sew.

In addition to her sister, Miss Felice Shaughnessy, the World Mission chairman has had the help of the following C.D.A. members: Mmes Richard Ban, grand regent; Laurence Derouin, past regent who organized the World Mission

program in the local C.D.A. court; Charles Allen, T. T. Babbitt, P. B. Clayton, Regina Cunningham, John Elder, Frank H. Forester, Edward Heatherman, John Hoffman, Marie Isley, George Klimek, Anna McIntier, F. G. Meyers, Leonard Zboyan.

Several other members of Court St. Catherine have provided materials for the sewing group including Mmes Micheal McMahon, Robert O'Brien, William A. Davies, Frank Weston, T. T. Babbitt and Frank Zboyan.

At present, layettes are being made for missions in their country.



PRESENTING GIFT . . . Members of the Torrance Court of Catholic Daughters present Rev. F. C. Brannigan, pastor of St. Andrew's Russian Church of El Segundo with altar linens. Pictured are from left, Mmes. Regina Cunningham, Laurence Derouin, past CDA regent; Miss Catherine Shaughnessy, World Mission chairman; and Mrs. Richard Ban, Grand regent. Back row, Mmes. T. T. Babbitt, John H. Elder, P. B. Clayton; Miss Felice Shaughnessy, Frank Zboyan, and F. G. Meyers.